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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Labor and Employment, to which was referred House Bill 1553, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 22-1-1-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 11. The commissioner
- 4 of labor is authorized and directed to do the following:
- 5 (1) To investigate and adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 prescribing
- 6 what safety devices, safeguards, or other means of protection shall
- 7 be adopted for the prevention of accidents in every employment
- 8 or place of employment, to determine what suitable devices,
- 9 safeguards, or other means of protection for the prevention of
- 10 industrial accidents or occupational diseases shall be adopted or
- 11 followed in any or all employments or places of employment, and
- 12 to adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 applicable to either employers or
- 13 employees, or both, for the prevention of accidents and the
- 14 prevention of industrial or occupational diseases.

(2) Whenever, in the judgment of the commissioner of labor, any place of employment is not being maintained in a sanitary manner or is being maintained in a manner detrimental to the health of the employees therein, to obtain any necessary technical or expert advice and assistance from the state department of health. The state department of health, upon the request of the commissioner of labor, shall furnish technical or expert advice and assistance to the commissioner and take the steps authorized or required by the health laws of the state.

(3) Annually forward the report received from the mining board under IC 22-10-1.5-5(6) to the legislative council and request from the general assembly funding for necessary additional mine inspectors.

SECTION 2. IC 22-10-1.5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall:

(1) execute and administer the laws of this state concerning coal mines;

(2) collect and diffuse information concerning the nature, causes, and prevention of mine accidents and the improvements of methods, conditions, and equipment of mines with special reference to health and safety and the conservation of mineral resources and the economic conditions respecting mining and the mining industry;

(3) promote the technical efficiency of all persons working in and about the mines of this state and to assist them to overcome the increasing difficulties of mining; ~~and~~

(4) submit any bills embodying legislation that the board may agree upon to the general assembly;

(5) assess and collect from underground coal mine operators the amount necessary to purchase and maintain underground mine rescue equipment; and

(6) annually report to the commissioner of the department of labor concerning any need for additional mine inspectors.

- 1 **(b) The board shall mail written notice to underground coal**
- 2 **mine operators of a meeting of the board at which assessments**
- 3 **described in subsection (a)(5) are discussed.**

(Reference is to HB 1553 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Liggett